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that also takes away . . .

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...because you have less students. But if you have a drop of, say, ten students in a school of six, seven hundred, you're not going to be able to cut on your staff because that's not a significant drop in students. If you had 50 it would be a different story, but I...you can't...I mean it takes so many people to run this school and if you have a decline of 10 people it's not going...you can't...you can't lay off two teachers to pull your costs down. And this is something I think that needs to be worked on too. I like your idea, Senator, I like the idea and...but I just...I just can't see some of these districts...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...benefitting from it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Following up, I just had a couple questions, Senator Wickersham.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: On the...on the discussion where...Senator Janssen was holding with you and talking about the increase in values, which is obviously happening around...very much around the state because of whatever reason, I'm trying to figure out if the...you're quoting at 45 percent, but if the value goes up 10 percent, say, for example, land values or whatever values go up 10 percent, then the 45 percent is still going to bring in a lot more money from the local effort. Is that...isn't that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No. No. The local effort rate would actually go down under those circumstances and so you would see...you'd see some in...you could see some increase in local